

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2450

January 18, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Gives an employee who has a disease or condition covered by the Energy Employees Occupational Injury Compensation Program Act of 2000 the right to recover benefits based on disability from an occupational disease or death under the workers' compensation laws. The bill also provides that an employer is not permitted to raise statutory defenses of notice, causation, or the statute of limitations in defense of such claims.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000*

Assumptions:

- Local government employees who have developed radiation-related diseases will be eligible for compensation either directly or through exacerbation of another condition for which local government is liable under the Workers' Compensation Law.
- Although comparatively rare, a claim for radiation-related disease is likely to be expensive.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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